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Chanticleers overcome a 4-2 deficit with solo home runs in each of last three innings; rubber game Sunday at Noon

Softball

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**STATESBORO** - Coastal Carolina's softball squad overcame a 4-2 deficit with solo home runs over the final three innings to take a 5-4 Sun Belt Conference victory over host Georgia Southern on Saturday afternoon, evening the weekend series at one game apiece.

The two teams will decide the series at Noon Sunday at Eagle Field. The Chanticleers (22-5, 4-1 SBC) have now won nine of their last 10 games, while Georgia Southern (14-12, 1-4 SBC) will be looking for its first Sun Belt series win of the year on Sunday.

Coastal Carolina scored twice to open up the contest in the second inning, getting an RBI single from Mackenzie Beyer and a suicide squeeze bunt RBI from Chelsea D'Avilar to take a 2-0 lead.

The Eagles erased that advantage in the bottom of the second on one swing of the bat from junior [Mekhia Freeman](#), who blasted a three-run home run to right center, putting Georgia Southern up by one.

A bases-loaded wild pitch from CCU reliever Kaitlin Beasley-Polko in the third inning stretched the Eagle lead to two, 4-2. But the Chanticleer comeback started in the fifth inning as Taylor Sweigert led off the inning with a solo home run to right. With two outs in the sixth inning, Alexis Alvino homered to left to tie up the ballgame.

Sydney Guess then delivered the game-winner for the Chanticleers in the top of the seventh with a shot to right.

Beasley-Polko (13-3) claimed the win in relief for Coastal Carolina, holding the Eagles to four hits and no runs in five innings of work, walking two while striking out six. Georgia Southern reliever [Jodi Handler](#) (1-1) took the loss, giving up two hits and one run in 1 1/3 innings of work, striking out one.

Georgia Southern left 12 runners on base in the contest, including stranding the bases loaded in the first, fourth and sixth innings.

Freeman's two hits and three RBI led the Eagles offensively on the day, while [Ashlynn Gunter](#) and [Shayla Smith](#) also had two hits apiece.

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